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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PINS, IS, JO
SUBJ: REPORTED PLO INTIMIDATION OF WEST BANK OFFICIAL

REF: JERUSALEM 514 (NOTAL)

1. RELIABLE WEST BANK PHYSICIAN REPORTS THAT PLO FORCED
DR. HUSSEIN OBAID, DIRECTOR OF WEST BANK HELATH SERVICES
FOR MILGOV, TO TENDER HIS RESIGNATION. ACCORDING TO
SOURCE, DR. OBAID FEARED FOR HIS LIFE.

2. SOURCE CITED ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF OBAID ON
FEBRUARY 21 (SEE REFTTEL) AND EXPLAINED THAT OBAID HAD
IMMEDIATELY VISITED PLO HEADQUARTERS IN BEIRUT TO PLEAD
HIS CASE. HE WAS GIVEN THREE MONTHS TO RESIGN. OBAID
ASKED TO LEAVE POST IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO WEST
BANK, ACCORDING TO SOURCE AND LOCAL PRESS REPORTS.

3. PLO ALLEGEDLY DISSATISFIED WITH OBAID'S CLOSE TIES WITH
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MILGOV, ESPECIALLY AS EVIDENCED BY SUSPICIOUS COMMUTING
OF HIS SISTER'S LONG PRISON TERM.

4. ISRAEL RADIO REPORTED OBAID'S RESIGNATION IN CONJUNC-
TION WITH ALLEGED SERIES OF THREATENING LETTERS
RECEIVED BY WEST BANK "MODERATES," SO-CALLED "LETTERS OF
THE BLACK HAND." WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING TO CORROBORATE

THESE REPORTS.

5. COMMENT: WE TEND TO BELIEVE SOURCE'S REPORT OF PLO
THREAT, ALTHOUGH PLO MAY HAVE HAD OTHER REASONS FOR
TARGETING OBAID THAN THOSE DESCRIBED BY SOURCE.
EVEN IF ALL IS RUMOR, RESULT IS THE SAME: WEST BANKERS
BELIEVE PLO CARRIES A BIG STICK, AND PLO IS LIKELY TO BE
FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL IN PROHIBITING WEST BANK POLITICAL
ACITIVITY WHICH IT CONSIDERS INIMICAL TO
ITS INTERESTS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN RAMALLAH
AREA.
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